



EGG-CITING TIMES

Newsletter of

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President's Letter

Dear Sisters,

Our May meeting will be our last one until October, so here's hoping we have a great turnout.

I want to thank Vicki Meadows for making the arrangements for our meeting. We will meet Saturday, May 25 at Basilico's Restaurant, 7011 Harrison Road Crossing, Spotsylvania, VA 22407 at 11:00am. We will have our own room and lunch is \$15.63 (tax and tip included). This gets you an individual Greek salad, beverage (beer or wine is extra), a personal pizza (choice of cheese, pepperoni, or all meat). If you wish to sample one of their fantastic desserts that will be extra (see them at www.basilicodeli.com). Each member may pay at the restaurant. Please let me know if you plan to attend, so we can let them know how many to expect.

Our speaker is member Vicki Meadows. Her presentation is titled "Sleuthing for Ancestors at the Library of Congress." She has been a weekly docent at the Library of Congress for the past four years. So anyone interested in tracing their "Union Ancestor" will not want to miss her program.

We will be collecting non-perishable items for the USO again, so please bring them to the meeting. Jack and I delivered nearly \$40 worth of items to the USO office at Richmond and I can tell you they were very appreciative.

Our Tent will again donate baskets to be auctioned at the National Convention in Atlanta. Margaret has come up with two themes for baskets: Virginia is for Lovers of History and Virginia is for Beach Lovers. See the article in the newsletter for ideas if you wish to donate to a basket. Every Department and Tent in the country donates a basket with items from their state.



I look forward to seeing everyone on the 25th.

In F, C, and L,

Donetta

Directions to Basilico's Restaurant

Spotsylvania location:

From I-95 take Exit 133 West (towards California).

In about 3 1/2 miles turn LEFT on Harrison Rd.—Walgreen's is on the corner.

It's the first left—you'll see it on the right.

Non-Perishable Snacks for USO

Cynthia Matsumoto has graciously offered to take non-perishable snacks to the USO office at Norfolk International Airport. Please bring them to the meeting and she will deliver them to the airport. Items can be individual bags of chips, cheese/peanut butter crackers, fruit bars, individual drink containers and granola bars.



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Vicki Meadows

Vicki Fairchild Miller Meadows was born in **Bloomington, Illinois**, to Robert and Betty Fairchild. Because her father was a career Air Force officer, she has lived extensively in the US, plus Japan and Morocco.

Twelve years ago while living in Richmond, Virginia, and researching attendees to her Mississippi high school class reunion she reconnected with another classmate **James Meadows**, whose father was also in the Air Force. They were married eleven years ago in **Kansas**. She and her husband have chosen to make their home in Virginia, which they both agree is one of the most historically important and geographically beautiful regions in the US.

She holds a **BFA in Commercial Art (*Graphic Design*)** and a **Masters of Art in Art History (*Museum Studies*)**. Over the years she has worked in the commercial fields of advertising and printing, and the non-profit fields of museums and historic houses.

She is a past executive director of the **Westmoreland County Museum**, and programs director at **Preservation Alliance of Virginia** before it merged with **APVA**—the *Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities*.

Vicki considers herself to be a professional learner. She has been a docent at:

- The Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, Ohio
- The Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Richmond, Virginia
- University of Kansas' Spencer Museum of Art (*one of the top US university museums, ranked right behind Harvard's Fogg Museum*)
- The DAR Museum, Washington, DC

She has been a weekly docent at The Library of Congress, Washington, DC, for the past four years. This does not include several house museums.

Between Vicki and James, they have six adult children and fifteen grandchildren. Vicki is an avid photographer and a serious painter. Both James and she love to garden and travel. They recently completed two trips to Western Europe.

Upcoming Events

**Manassas, July 20. 9:30am
Annual Manassas Battle Commemoration.
Manassas Battlefield**

**Atlanta, GA, July 24-28,
DUVCW National Convention**

Baskets for National Convention

1. Virginia is for Lovers of History

Suggestions are: Books on the Civil War or other Virginia history, coffee mug, tea bags, cocoa packets, Virginia peanuts, coasters with scenes of Virginia, or scented candles (hopefully made in Virginia)

2. Virginia is for Beach Lovers

Anything beach related that would fit in a basket such as snack, flipflops or anything related to Virginia, books, lotions, sun screen, etc.



Bring items to the May meeting or contact Donetta to coordinate a drop-off.

Don't Forget!! Ancestor Minutes for Meetings and the Website!

May

Karen Lyddane, Constance White

June

Ann Beer, Marjorie Elliott, Sandi Esty, Margaret Stromberg

July

Kelley Cappellini, Jane Chavis, Suzanne Fichter, Vicki Meadows, Diana Perrussel

August

Annie Allison, Mary Ann Cowherd, Patricia Milnes, Luann Whittenburg

September

Donetta Bantle, Candace Burek, Patricia McFerren-Blanton, Jane Shackelford,



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